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SUBJ: NEW IMPORT REGULATION

REF: BUENOS AIRES 5669

1. EFFECTIVE OCT 27, GOA IMPLEMENTED NEW MIXED EXCHANGE RATE FOR WIDE VARIETY OF IMPORTS. MINISTRY OF ECONOMY RESOLUTION NO. 256 ESTABLISHES THAT 75 PERCENT OF FOB VALUE OF PRODUCTS IN ANNEXED LIST MUST BE MARKETED AT COMMERCIAL RATE AND 25 PERCENT OF FOB VALUE AT NORMAL FINANCIAL RATE. THIS IMPLIES MINIDEVALUATION, SINCE IMPORTS OF PRODUCTS INVOLVED, PREVIOUSLY MARKETED AT COMMERCIAL RATE OF 37.70 PS. TO DOLLAR, ARE NOW MARKETED AT MIXED RATE OF 40.35 PESOS.

2. LIST ANNEXED TO RESOLUTION INCLUDES 1768 BTN (BRUSSELS TARIFF NOMENCLATURE) ITEMS. PRODUCTS INVOLVED ARE: COFFEE TEA, FATS AND OILS, CHEMICALS, RUBBER, FUELS, FERTILIZERS, PLASTICS, WOOD, SYNTHETIC FIBERS, IRON AND STEEL, AUTOMOBILES, TRACTORS,
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PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, ETC. RESOLUTION 256 ANNEXED

TO CENTRAL BANK CIRCULAR RC 563 BEING AIRPOUCHED TO WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: GOA LIKELY TO CONTINUE DEVALUING IMPORT RATES BY
SHIFTING PRODUCTS TO HIGHER RATES AND CHANGING PERCENTAGE MIX
INVOLVED. AT SAME TIME, MINIDEVALUATIONS APPLIED BY MINISTER
CAFIERO SINCE AUG WILL BE FOLLOWED IN FUTURE TO ADJUST TO
ICREASING INTERNAL COSTS.

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